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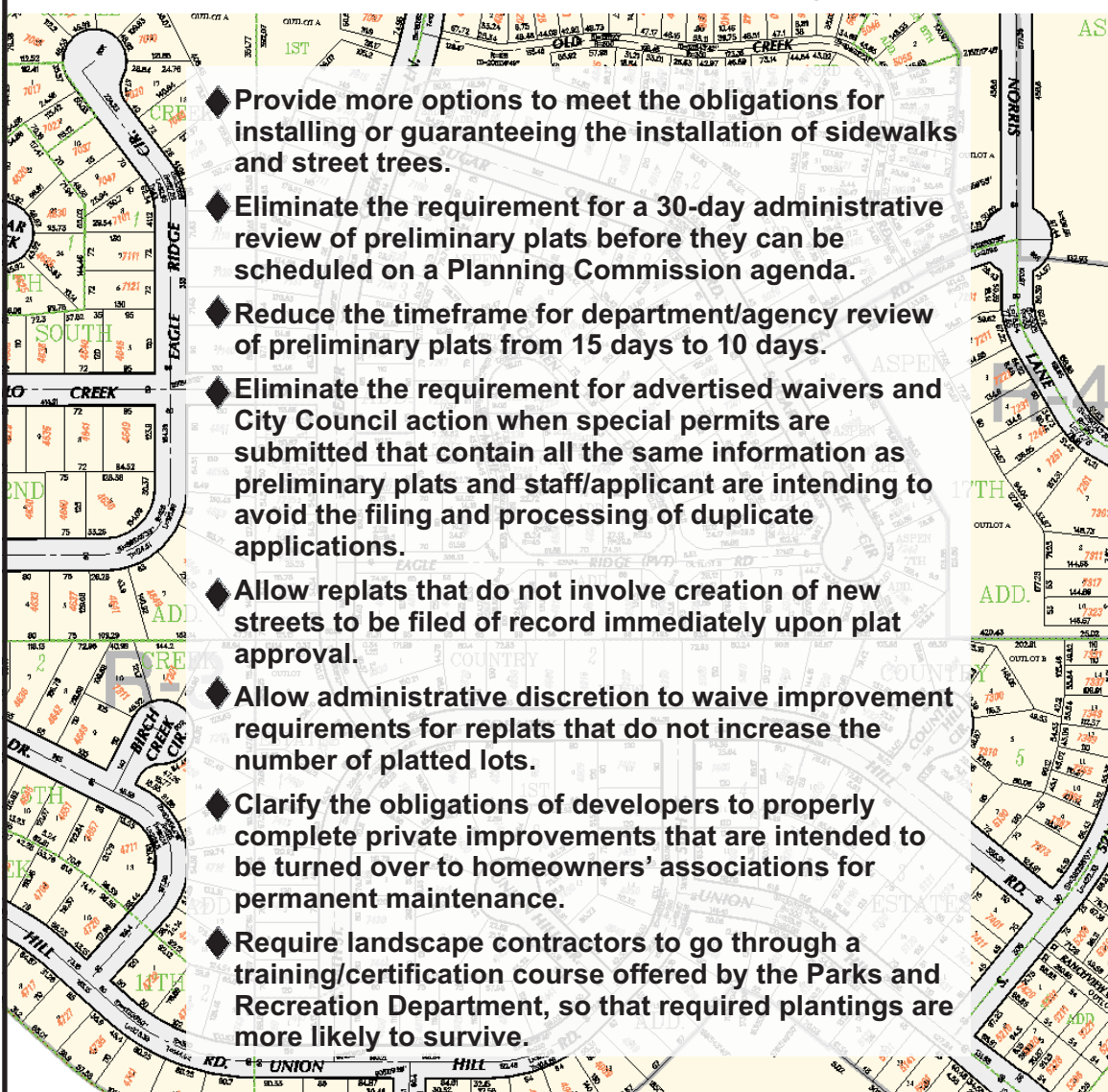


The Lincoln City Council, at its last meeting of 2004:

- ▶ Approved amendments to the City zoning ordinance that delegate decision-making on special permits to the Planning Commission in most cases, and provide more administrative flexibility in the plan approval process.
- ▶ Approved the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance prohibiting new billboards along the interstates. City staff will work with the Chamber of Commerce on its intent to develop attractive signage at key entryways that helps market the community as a whole.

## NEW PLATTING RULES PROPOSED

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its January 19 meeting to consider several amendments to the subdivision ordinance, most of which are intended to streamline the development process. The changes would:



- ◆ Provide more options to meet the obligations for installing or guaranteeing the installation of sidewalks and street trees.
- ◆ Eliminate the requirement for a 30-day administrative review of preliminary plats before they can be scheduled on a Planning Commission agenda.
- ◆ Reduce the timeframe for department/agency review of preliminary plats from 15 days to 10 days.
- ◆ Eliminate the requirement for advertised waivers and City Council action when special permits are submitted that contain all the same information as preliminary plats and staff/applicant are intending to avoid the filing and processing of duplicate applications.
- ◆ Allow replats that do not involve creation of new streets to be filed of record immediately upon plat approval.
- ◆ Allow administrative discretion to waive improvement requirements for replats that do not increase the number of platted lots.
- ◆ Clarify the obligations of developers to properly complete private improvements that are intended to be turned over to homeowners' associations for permanent maintenance.
- ◆ Require landscape contractors to go through a training/certification course offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, so that required plantings are more likely to survive.

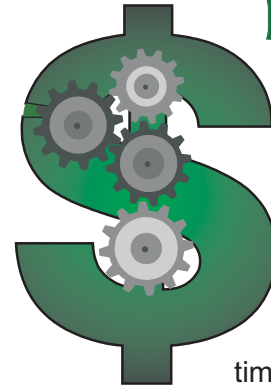


# WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN?

City staff has been taking the proposed new downtown master plan out to meetings of interested organizations for questions and comments. The feedback from these meetings along with meetings held to date will be considered by the planning consultants, Crandall Arambula, as they develop a final plan to be presented in March. Contact Kent Morgan (441-7491 or [kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov)) in our office if you would like to schedule a session with your organization. Or if you want to find out more about the plan yourself, and offer your own comments, go to [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: downtown).



## CIP Presentation at Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable



Please join us on **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at **4:30 p.m.** in Room 113 of the **County/City Building** for a short presentation on the process and timeline for developing the 2005/06 to 2010/11 City of Lincoln Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The CIP is the blueprint for Lincoln's capital spending. The City is continually looking ahead to see how we can maintain and improve roads, bridges, utilities, police and fire services, parks and other community buildings and programs for the people of Lincoln.

For more information, please contact Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or at [dross@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:dross@lincoln.ne.gov). You may also visit our web site at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: CIP).



## Comp Plan Amendment Submittal Deadline

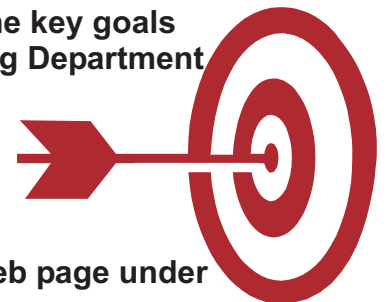
Requesting a Comprehensive Plan amendment?

The deadline for submitting a request to amend the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan is February 2, 2005.

If you have questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan annual review process, please contact Steve Henrichsen at 441-6374 or [shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov) or Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or [dross@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:dross@lincoln.ne.gov). You also may visit our Comp Plan annual review web page at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: cpreview).

## GOALZAPOPPIN

You can find the key goals for the Planning Department in this new year, along with goals accomplished over the past year, on our web page under Director's Corner.



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